A Hymn of Thanksgiving for Victory

In Commemoration of the

Peace of Versailles

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Set to music by

Peter Christian Lutkin



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The work opens with introductory material for orchestra, the opening trumpet call of which is extensively employed in later portions of the hymn. It is with those measures that the chorus enters forte with the words "We praise Thee, O God." Another idea is set forth five measures later to the text "All the earth doth worship Thee," and in this sonorous material there presently is heard the sound of chimes. Following this there comes a more tranquil portion, in which is heard, sung by a distant choir, "To Thee all Angels cry aloud." Almost immediately there is a crescendo and a hastening of the time leading to a slow section in which the word "Holy" alternates in the full chorus fortissimo and a distant choir pianissimo. Imitative passages for the chorus (to the text "Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory") lead to a climax, following which there appears in the orchestra alone the motive which had begun the work in the instrumental introduction. This is followed by a new section, "The glorious company of the Apostles," given out by the basses. The motive of the introduction returns forte in the music to "Thou art the King," and is followed by a tranquil division (Andante espressivo) in which a solo tenor sings "When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man." Some thirty measures later the chorus enters and it and the solo tenor lead the music through a crescendo to an imposing climax. There is a section (Adagio) for the tenors and basses written to the text "Thou sittest at the right hand of God," and this is followed by the solo tenor ("We therefore pray Thee"), whose strains are intertwined with those of a distant choir. The full choir enters again with the altos and basses in octaves singing "O Lord, save Thy people," the theme being taken up by the sopranos and tenors. Soon there comes a division (Allegro energico) in which to the words "Day by day," a fugal passage is announced by the basses. There is considerable working over of this material and, after a pause, the solo tenor enters once more in a more tranquil section ("Vouchsafe, O Lord"). Succeeding some expressive passages successively for the men's and the women's voices there returns the material that had formed the instrumental introduction to the hymn, which leads into the concluding section of the work—a grandiose restatement of the measures, "We praise Thee, O God," which had opened the choral section of the hymn. The Te Deum closes with a sonorous seven-fold "Amen."

PRESS NOTICES

Music News:

"Mr. Lutkin's great setting of the Te Deum (A Hymn of Thanksgiving for Victory), made especially for the occasion, proved to be a noble work, especially in its choral aspects, and it also has an abundance of orchestral interest. The solo part for tenor is not so effective."

Musical America:

"Mr. Lutkin's Hymn of Thanksgiving for Victory is a notable contribution to choral works, and shows the culture and crudition of the big musician. Its themes are terse and are developed with fine harmonic skill. The composer received a big ovation from the audience at its conclusion."

Chicago Evening American:

"Mr. Lutkin's big moment came in the form of a great ovation after his new composition A Hymn of Thanksgiving for Victory for chorus orchestra and tenor soloist. The work begins most auspiciously with an amazing rich score, an earful of swelling forceful harmony that showed Mr. Lutkin's perfect acquaintance with all the modern resources of orchestration. The only defect I can find is its length—the middle part losing considerably in thematic interest and development. Pruning and revising will make it an impressive work."

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Musical Leader:

"Then, written especially for the occasion, there was heard the *Hymn of Thanksgiving* by Dean Lutkin, a fine and inspiring choral work which had an instantaneous success."

Chicago Daily News:

"Mr. Lutkin's Hymn of Thanksgiving is an elaborate choral work, showing erudition and adroitness in the handling of musical material and invention as to instrumental combination. The choral part is effective, and particular mention should be made of the effect of the small choir which sang a cappella against the larger chorus. The work was well received and is a very good composition for a festival occasion."

Chicago Evening Journal:

"Of the new compositions, one was A Hymn of Thanksgiving for Victory by Peter Christian Lutkin, the words being a translation of the Te Deum as used in the Episcopalian church. It is an extended work with passages of considerable excellence. It begins in a lofty, exultant strain, which is quoted at various times later, and which is the best thing in it. This section is choral, a style of writing in which the composer has had rather more success than in solo passages. In the whole the hymn is stately and impressive, though it does not completely maintain the level of the section to which allusion has been made."

A HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

TE DEUM LAUDAMUS

for tenor solo, chorus, orchestra, chimes and organ by
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Note. The effectiveness of certain portions of this work will be enhanced by the use of a small chorus sufficiently removed from the main chorus to produce an antiphonal effect Copyright, 1919, by The H.W. Gray Co





























































































